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Emergency evac plan revised, activated

Lance Cpl. Courtney G. White

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CAMPFOSTER — The Okinawa area emergency evacuation plan's new nonessential personnel evacuation preparedness campaign has been updated and was activated May 23.

The OAEPP is designed to help prepare nonessential status of forces agreement personnel and their families should a natural disaster warrant an evacuation off the island of Okinawa.

"We will begin our evacuation awareness campaign May 23," said Lt. Col. Mary N. Hawkins, the G-3/5, operations and training, and community policy, planning and liaison office OAEPP coordinator for Marine Corps Installations Pacific. "The intent is to empower families to prepare themselves should a large-scale natural disaster threaten the island, and the U.S. government decides it is necessary to evacuate its nonessential personnel on Okinawa."

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Lt. Col. Thomas E. Frederick, center, mans a jackhammer with Sgt. Joseph R. Pachco, left, and Lance Cpl. Devin J. Ward at Tinian's West Field, May 18th, during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012. The Marines use the jackhammer to drive M-31 arresting gear stakes into the runway at the field. Frederick is the executive officer of Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Pachco and Ward are expeditionary airfield technicians with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, MAG-12, 1st MAW, III MEF. Photo by Lance Cpl. J. Gage Karwick

MWSS-171 sets stage for Geiger Fury 2012

Compiled by 2nd Lt. Jeanscott Dodd and Lance Cpl. J. Gage Karwick

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WEST FIELD, Tinian — Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 prepared for training at West Field here May 13-18 during Exercise

Geiger Fury 2012.

The squadron, part of Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, is participating in Geiger Fury to increase operational readiness and improve core

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CLB-4 assists realigning forces in Afghanistan

Cpl. Mark Stroud

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Combat Logistics Battalion 4 worked to retrograde equipment and supplies from Patrol Base Habib in CLB-4's most recent effort to support the realignment of forces here May 1 through May 6.

Whether it is engineering operations, maintaining vehicles, supplying units, or identifying excess equipment, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Fwd) Marines and sailors get the mission accomplished.

CLB-4, part of 1st MLG, is currently deployed to ensure Marines and sailors in the northern portion of Helmand province are well equipped while they remove equipment no longer in use.

"(Combat Logistics Battalion 4) is serving as the distribution arm of the

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Lance Cpl. Travis M. Stewart tightens the chains holding down a multi-mission vehicle at Patrol Base Habib, Helmand province, Afghanistan May 5. The MMV was one of the vehicles retrograded by Combat Logistics Battalion 4 from the base in preparation for the departure of Marines with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. Stewart is a motor vehicle operator with CLB-4, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), I Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Cpl. Mark Stroud

Memorial Day Message

Memorial Day is one of the most important occasions we celebrate as Americans. Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. It is a day set aside to honor and reflect upon the sacrifices of our fallen heroes, and commemorate their extraordinary courage. The tradition was started by families honoring their fallen Civil War soldiers.

As you enjoy your time off with family and friends this Memorial Day, take a moment to remember the honor, duty and sacrifice of those who have gone before you. Our nation is built upon the selfless dedication and bravery that has led many Marines and service members to give their lives in defense of freedom and our way of life.

Liberty commences as follows;

- III Marine Expeditionary Force/Marine Corps Installations Pacific military personnel: May 26-29
- Civilian employees: supervisors of U.S. civilian appropriated fund employees may permit liberal leave procedures for their employees if mission and workload permit. The observed holiday for all civilian employees, U.S. and Japanese, is May 28. A liberal leave policy will be in effect May 29.
- Camp Mujuk military personnel and civilian employees will continue to follow their previously promulgated holiday routine schedule.

Memorial Day also signals the beginning of the summer season, which is a time for vacation, travel and increased outdoor activity. Unfortunately, summer is when a number of Marines and sailors tend to lose their lives or become seriously injured in tragic, yet preventable, mishaps. Celebrate Memorial Day, but act sensibly when doing so. Keep safety in mind at all times, plan ahead, take care of each other, and don't drink and drive. Above all else, remember, your actions create a lasting impression of our country and our Corps. Represent us well.

Semper Fidelis.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr.

Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri

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AROUND THE CORPS



Romanian soldiers jump from a KC-130 Hercules aircraft at Campia Turzii, Romania, May 15. The aviation combat element of Black Sea Rotational Force 12 facilitated the training by supplying the aircraft and crew. The Black Sea Rotational Force 12 is a special-purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force with crisis response capabilities deployed to the region to enhance interoperability and promote regional stability. Photo by Cpl. Paul Zellner



The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon marches by during the pass in review at the conclusion of the Marine Aviation Centennial Parade, which celebrated 100 years of Marine aviation at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va., May 16. Photo by Sgt. Austin Hazard



U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Robert Miranda (center), speaks to a construction worker with his linguist here, May 20, 2012. Miranda and the rest of Civil Affairs Team 4, Kilo Detachment, Regimental Combat Team 5, visited several local work sites to ensure quality construction on projects like schools, clinics and bridges. Photo by Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

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Critical Days of Summer

Safety... look beyond the horizon

Recreational water safety key

Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — It is soon to be summer, and the beach is looking more appealing as a nice place to sit and enjoy time off.

Before wading out into the waters of Okinawa, everyone should know what precautions to take.

Unlike the U.S., where motor vehicle collisions cause the highest loss of life for of service members, the leading cause of death among service members on Okinawa is drowning, said Shawn M. Curtis,

the deputy safety director for the installation.

Since 2000, there have been 30 military deaths from drowning on Okinawa. More than half of the deaths were caused by inattention to sea conditions and currents, according to Curtis.

However, if the right safety precautions are taken, water activities in Okinawa can be very enjoyable.

"Okinawa has world-class water activities and locations for diving and snorkeling," said Curtis. "However, everyone needs to be aware of the necessary steps to avoid and

prevent any accidents."

Beachgoers should refer to local weather and sea conditions before arriving at their destinations, as Okinawa's weather can change with little to no warning. While at the beach, swimmers must be aware of the conditions in their immediate area, said Curtis.

Powerful currents, called riptides, can pull swimmers away from shore and into deep water in seconds.

"Riptides are the number-one cause of drowning," said Curtis. "Even the strongest swimmers can be taken away by these currents."

Under the water, snorkelers, swimmers and scuba divers may encounter wildlife which can be dangerous.

"If you are unsure of exactly what creature is in front of you, don't touch it," said Curtis. "The most harmful of creatures is the box jellyfish, which migrates here from Australia in August."

With all these dangers, the water may not seem worth the risk, but precautions can be taken to remain safe.

"American Forces Network TV and radio and the Weather Channel's web-

site consistently post the sea condition," said Curtis. "If the sea condition is 'danger,' all military personnel are prohibited from entering the water."

After checking the conditions, plan where to swim. Those planning to enter the water should do so at a familiar location or popular site frequented by others.

"The best advice for engaging in water activities is to study the conditions of the area that the swimmers will be using," said Curtis. "Some important indicators that the area could be dangerous are the presence of rip currents and obstructions close to the entry or exit."

If there is any reason for concern, it is best to stay on shore or find a safer area.

Other ways to stay safe include notifying someone of your location and what time you'll be back, and maintaining the buddy system, according to III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations Pacific Order 5101.1.

For more information, contact the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Installation Safety Office at 645-2651.

Combat Logistics Regiment 37 deactivates MP company

Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP KINSER — Marines with 3rd Marine Logistics Group attended a deactivation ceremony at Camp Kinser May 18.

The ceremony was for the Military Police Company with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd MLG, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"As it stands right now, we are deactivating to form a consolidated 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion on Camp Hansen," said Capt. Kimberly A. Julka, company commander for MP Company.

This company will not be the only one deactivated, according to Col. John E. Kasperski, Camp Kinser commander.

"All the Marines from the various military police companies on the island are going to centralize into the new law enforcement battalion," said Kasperski. "Both the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and the 3rd Marine Division are turning over their military police companies to become an asset for III MEF."

The company supported units during Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as various exercises in the Pacific region.

"We formed Aug. 7, 2009, and on Aug. 26, 2009, we had Marines conducting predeployment training with 9th Engineer Support Battalion," said Julka. "Since that point we have constantly supported Operation Enduring Freedom with 9th ESB and Combat Logistics Battalion 3 and CLB-4. We also have a squad of Marines that is always with CLB-31 on the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit."

This high of deployment tempo is due to the demand for skills possessed by MP Company Marines, according to Julka.

"From an operational perspective, I do not think there is a more in-demand (military occupational specialty) which meets the needs of Operation Enduring Freedom," said Kasperski.



Capt. Kimberly A. Julka and Gunnery Sgt. Brian T. Chambless retire the guidon during a deactivation ceremony on Camp Kinser May 18. The ceremony was for the Military Police Company with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Julka served as company commander and Chambless was the company first sergeant for MP Company. Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

"With the environment in Afghanistan changing from a combat operation to more of a police mentoring and advising role; it is more feasible to send units from a law enforcement battalion," said 1st Lt. Jocelyn M. Mills, executive officer for the company. "You can know exactly who you are sending, and you will still have plenty of Marines to support the MEF while accomplishing the mission."

Because the company is constantly deploying Marines, not all members of the company were at the deactivation ceremony.

"Half of the company is currently deployed to Afghanistan with 9th ESB and CLB-4," said Kasperski. "When we are conducting combat operations and 3rd MLG elements are deployed, MP Company Marines are the tip of the spear for us."

"It will be both challenging and exciting to see how everything works out with this change," he said. "These Marines have greatly helped 3rd MLG in the years they have been with us."

The new law enforcement battalion is slated to stand up under III MEF Headquarters Group on June 7.

BRIEFS

CAMP FOSTER GATE CONSTRUCTION

• Plaza Housing gate 8, the main entrance, is closed due to construction. Work is scheduled to end June 22. All traffic is diverted to Plaza gate 8a.

Personnel wishing to enter Plaza Housing heading west on Highway 85 will pass gate 8 and turn left at the first traffic signal.

For a map, visit www.facebook.com/campfooster.

• Camp Foster gate 2, the PX gate, will be under construction May 21 through the beginning of July.

• Traffic through Camp Foster gate 10, the gate leading to towers 376, 377 and 378, will be reduced to one lane from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily May 28 through the beginning of July.

IPAC REORGANIZING OPERATIONS

To better serve customers, the ID card center, deployment/TAD branch and quality assurance sections will be relocated to building 5692 at Camp Foster and the inbound branch will be relocated to building 5699 at Camp Foster.

During the reorganization, handicap accessible service for ID card issues will be available at Camp Kinser's administrative satellite center located at building 107 or at Kadena Air Base ID Center located at building 721 B.

ID card services are also available at each administrative satellite center as follows:

- Kinser building 107, 637-1097
- Futenma building 550, 636-6614
- Hansen building 2653, 623-4749
- Schwab building 3509, 625-1100
- Courtney building 4319, 622-7214
- Kadena Air Base ID Center building 721 B, 634-4537.

For more details, contact 645-5477.

TRAIN THE TRAINER COURSE

The train the trainer course for all units May 30 at 7:45 a.m. at Camp Hansen, building 2450, will properly train the personnel to operate the HEAT trainer and conduct MTU training for units or commands.

The course is first-come, first-served and the maximum class size is 35 students. All who attend must have been HEAT certified within the past year by Camp Hansen Combat Camera.

For more information, contact 623-2610 or email anthony.f.woodard@usmc.mil.

VOLUNTEER TO TUTOR STUDENTS

Kinser Elementary School is seeking 15-20 volunteers to support student tutoring and small-group reading projects. Events are scheduled from 8-11 a.m., June 1 and 8.

For more information or to sign up, contact brian.jordan@pac.dodea.edu.

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NCOs stress importance of uniform

Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Marines have represented a proud fighting force for more than 236 years. In every clime and place, in garrison or on the battlefield, Marines are known for their commitment to mission accomplishment. This dedication to duty sometimes results in making the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield.

Today, Marines honor those fallen heroes by proudly wearing the cloth of the nation their predecessors so proudly wore.

"There's a lot of history and tradition behind the uniform," said Cpl. Andrew J. Scheibner, an administrative law non-commissioned officer in charge with the Staff Judge Advocate, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

"Marines take pride in their uniform because of all the Marines that have gone before us."

NCOs are the keepers of all the fine traditions in the Marine Corps that make America proud of her Marines, according to Scheibner.

Marines are known not just for their battlefield prowess, but for their unparalleled standards of professionalism and uncompromising personal conduct and appearance. Marine Corps Order P1020.34G, Marine Corps Uniform Regulations, provides information defining Marine Corps uniform policies and has regulations for the proper wear of the uniform.

"The order is very important," said Cpl. Maria J. Magana, a safety NCO with Ammunition Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine

Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "As an NCO I have to refer to it every day to make sure my junior Marines are within regulations because as a leader that is my responsibility."

Wearing the uniform should be a matter of personal pride to all Marines, and all leaders are responsible for ensuring their Marines' appearances are kept within military standard in and out of uniform, according to Sgt. Thomas P. McLoughlin, the current-operations chief with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF.

"We as Marines are professionals, and we should always represent ourselves as such," said McLoughlin. "Marines need to have the discipline to police themselves in order to project a positive image of our beloved Corps."

When Marines put on the uniform, they not only represent themselves, they represent 236 years of stor-

ied service which Americans, and the world, have come to admire, according to Scheibner.

"Their appearance should reflect their personal values, or character rather, as Marines," said Scheibner. "The older Marines that shed blood in battle are the ones that rely on the Marines of today and tomorrow to keep that tradition sound."

Americans around the world will pause Monday to remember fallen heroes. Each year more and more Marines of wars gone by succumb to old age and or injuries sustained while wearing the eagle, globe and anchor insignia. Marines can honor their predecessors daily by personifying the virtues so proudly displayed for more than two centuries.

“Marines take pride in their uniform because of all the Marines that have gone before us.”

Cpl. Andrew J. Scheibner

DISCUSSION BOARD: TRADITION



Sgt. Robert E. Gebhardt, 3rd Marine Division

"Wearing the uniform is about professionalism and leadership by example. If you conduct yourself in a professional manner and look like a professional you will positively influence Marines around you. The way you wear your uniform is a direct reflection of yourself and the Marine Corps."



Sgt. Darien J. Garland, III Marine Expeditionary Force

"Anyone who looks squared away is going to feel and look confident and perform to the best of their abilities. The way your junior Marines wear their uniform is a direct reflection of you, just like the way you wear your uniform is a direct reflection of yourself and the Marine Corps."



Cpl. Jesus G. Rodriguez, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler

"How you wear your uniform defines you as a person. Marines should always take pride in the uniform they wear, not only out of respect for yourself but the Marine Corps. NCOs should always make sure their Marines are squared away in and out of uniform."

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3/12 welcomes Brown



Brown



Miagany

Maj. Jason P. Brown assumed command of 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, from Lt. Col. Ricardo Miagany during a ceremony at Camp Hansen May 22. Miagany commanded 3rd Bn. since June 2010 and will be reporting to the College of Naval Warfare in Newport, R.I. Brown's previous assignment was on Camp Hansen, where he served as the operations officer for 12th Marine Regiment.

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MLG," said Lt. Col. Adam L. Chalkley, commanding officer, of CLB-4. "Inherent in that is the transport of supplies and equipment from outlying (Forward Operating Bases) to (Camp Leatherneck)."

With coalition troops beginning to draw down in the region, realigning Marine Corps forces is an important step toward meeting the security goals in Afghanistan.

"It has been challenging to balance reposturing our forces with conducting ongoing counterinsurgency operations and the transition to a security advisory role, but the Marine Corps has been incredibly aggressive in meeting goals for reposturing," said Chalkley.

Moving forces out of a patrol base or forward operating base is a complicated process that requires a significant amount of coordination, cooperation and planning between the involved units, said Staff Sgt. Charles E. Weatherly, a platoon sergeant with CLB-4.

"The PB Habib mission was to pull out (2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment) assets from that area," said Staff Sgt. Charles E. Weatherly, a platoon

sergeant with CLB-4. "We also delivered (supplies) to Forward Operating Base Edinburgh and Combat Outpost Shir Ghazay during the (combat logistics patrol)."

CLB-4 provided the heavy and medium-lift capability to the equation, paving the way for final withdrawal preparations and the departure of 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, said 1st Lt. Margaret S. Adams, executive officer of Company A, CLB-4.

"Our role in this capacity (as the distribution arm) allows the maneuver elements of Regimental Combat Team 6 to continue to focus on counterinsurgency and security operations in cooperation with Afghan National Security Assistance Forces," said Chalkley.

According to Chalkley, CLB-4 will continue to facilitate the new posture of RCT-6 as 1st MLG (Fwd) and other Marine Corps forces draw down in the coming year.

"All of the units are going to have to support each other as we reposture our forces and prepare for the withdrawal of Marines," said 1st Lt. Benjamin J. Gutek, a platoon commander with CLB-4.

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expeditionary combat capabilities.

Geiger Fury 2012 will also see a total of 36 F/A-18 Hornets from MAG-12, 1st MAW, III MEF, conduct air-to-air and air-to-ground training at the Mariana Islands Range Complex and Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. MWSS-171 arrived to Tinian first to set the conditions for extended aviation training operations within MIRC airspace.

West Field provided a unique training venue for MWSS-171, simulating operations in a deployed, expeditionary environment. Preparations included surveying the land around West Field, emplacing arresting gear, and establishing a forward arming and refueling point for use during Geiger Fury.

After expeditionary airfield system technicians with MWSS-171 surveyed the land around West Field, they set to work installing M-31 arresting gear, a critical system used to rapidly decelerate aircraft as they land. Arresting gear is commonly used on aircraft carriers in addition to expeditionary and emergency use.

"In order for us to be able to land jets at this airfield, we must have the arresting gear in place properly in case of emergencies," said Lance Cpl. Devin J. Ward, an expeditionary (airfield systems) technician with the squadron. "It is as simple as no arresting gear, no jets. We have to be able to ensure the jets can land safely under any circumstance."

Harsh terrain added to the challenges Marines faced preparing for the arrival of the F/A-18s. The arresting gear had to be installed into the coral on Tinian, a previously unaccomplished feat. Installing arresting gear on coral is drastically different from doing so in other terrain, requiring the technicians to do some discovery learning.

"The coral install was a first for this military occupational specialty," said Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Mendoza, the quality assurance chief for MWSS-171. "What we accomplished here is going to update manuals, training and everything to do with installation of arresting gear in a coral environment."

While the expeditionary airfield technicians were hard at work, bulk-fuel specialists with the squadron established a FARP and began receiving fuel. Since West Field has no bulk fuel storage capacity, Marines installed high-volume fuel bladders and distribution systems vital to the exercise.

"Without this fuel setup, we cannot operate any of our own components, let alone the jets coming in," said Sgt. Jonathan R. Cadenas, a bulk-fuel specialist with the squadron. "There would be no fuel for the planes, vehicles, generators or any other systems during Geiger Fury."

Due to all of the squadron's hard work, the stage is set for operations during Geiger Fury to ramp up as jets will soon land at Tinian. The Marines' efforts made a positive impression on Lt. Col. Thomas E. Frederick, executive officer for MAG-12.

"I've been flying for more than 20 years, but I always enjoy getting to work with the Marines," said Frederick. "It was a great experience to know what these Marines go through to keep our pilots and aircraft safe, and I feel Geiger Fury will be a success because of their actions."



Marines move concertina wire while setting up an expeditionary airfield here May 15 during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012. The Marines made preparations to ensure training would go smoothly prior to the arrival of F/A-18 Hornets. The purpose of Geiger Fury is to increase operational readiness and improve core expeditionary combat capabilities. The Marines are with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Air Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. J. Gage Karwick

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Due to recent events, such as the tsunami that struck mainland Japan last year, it is important to make sure that everyone is prepared to evacuate should a natural disaster threaten to cripple Okinawa's infrastructure, according to Hawkins.

"In the event of an emergency, it is essential to reduce the amount of personnel located on the island in order to ease the burden on Okinawa's infrastructure and save potentially limited resources for the local population," said Hawkins.

The plan applies to nonmilitary and nonessential personnel, including family members, government employees and contractors, said Capt. Beth Greer, the G-3/5 OAEPP analyst for MCIPAC. If an individual is not an American citizen but is a SOFA member then they will be eligible to be evacuated in case of an emergency.

"Preparation is key," said Greer. "It is important that people know that this plan is in place and that resources are available to them."

The best way to be prepared in the case of an emergency is to review the information on the OAEPP website, 1.usa.gov/OAEPP, and fill out the appropriate Department of Defense documentation found in the evacuation information packet, according to Hawkins.

"The website provides a wealth of information, an instructional video and the official forms necessary to quickly return to normalcy post-evacuation," said Hawkins.

For more information on the OAEPP, Air Force and Army personnel can contact their assigned warden, Marine Corps personnel can contact their family readiness officer, and navy personnel can contact their emergency preparedness personnel.

SMALL-UNIT LEADERS

in the making



Marines discuss procedures for close air support during a small-unit leadership exercise at Camp Hansen May 9. As part of the exercise, Marines refreshed their warfighting tactics, such as casualty evacuation and clearing urban terrain.



Marines complete culminating event during small-unit leadership exercise

Story and photos by Pfc. Codey Underwood
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Marines put their sharpened warfighting techniques to the test during the culminating event of a four-day small-unit leadership exercise at Camp Hansen May 9.

Marines with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st MAW, III MEF, conducted the exercise to reiterate every aspect of leadership at the squad level.

"My fire team leaders have been tested on their leadership abilities just as much as I have," said Sgt. Eric J. Hansen, an aviation mechanic with MASS-2. "Starting from the squad leaders down to the fire team leaders, every position of leadership was tested."

The small-unit leadership exercises included a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear class. Participants also took part in a timed exercise in which they disassembled and reassembled the .50-caliber Browning machine gun and the M240G machine gun. There were also demonstrations on how to call for a casualty evacuation, close air support, and how to clear urban terrain.

"The Marines picked up on the training," said Lance Cpl. Taylor J. Huth, a military policeman with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III MEF Headquarters Group, III MEF. "They advanced through the training without hesitation."

The unit had subject matter experts at each event to make sure Marines received the best training possible.

"For almost every event, I had an expert teaching them," said Hansen. "What they're looking for is how we utilize our Marines to get the job done the fastest."

Of the Marines completing the small-unit leadership exercise, few had military occupational specialties which brought them to the field on a regular basis, according to Lance Cpl. Keith E. Rogers, a refrigeration mechanic with MASS-2.

"This training lets the Marines see the other side of the Marine Corps, not just the air wing," said Staff Sgt. Philip M. Williams, administrative chief for MASS-2. "It also provides the unit with Marines who know advanced warfighting tactics."

A field environment not only exposes Marines to new settings, it also provides valuable



Lance Cpl. Keith E. Rogers, left, practices disassembly and assembly of an M240G machine gun as Sgt. Eric J. Hansen supervises during a small-unit leadership exercise at Camp Hansen May 9. Rogers is a refrigeration and air conditioning technician and Hansen is a aviation communication systems technician with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

experiences they can apply in the future.

"As a radio operator, I could be put into a unit which will deploy to a combat zone next to the infantry on the front line," said Cpl. Jacob A. Soller, a field radio operator with MASS-2. "It is great coming out here because I get to do my job, carry a radio on my back, and get dirty."

Conducting exercises in the field helps the Marines come together, become stronger, and accomplish the mission on and off the battlefield, said Soller.

"You can never be a perfect leader. There is always something that you can improve upon," said Hansen. "This (small-unit leadership training) helps the junior Marines put trust in their corporals and sergeants by showing them we are going to get the job done and we are going to get it done quickly."



Sgt. Anica A. Coate, left, helps Lance Cpl. Kenneth N. Dills hone his rope-tying skills during a small-unit leadership exercise at Camp Hansen May 9. Marines also practiced constructing a rappel seat, along with many other skills during the exercise. Coate is a field radio operator with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Dills is a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st MAW, III MEF.

Cpl. Jacob A. Soller provides security while his team practices clearing a building during the culminating event of a small-unit leadership exercise at Camp Hansen May 9. The Marines employed clearing techniques, which they learned the previous day. Soller is a field radio operator with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Marines search a mock prisoner during the culminating event of a small-unit leadership exercise at Camp Hansen May 9.

Students, III MEF Band share love of music

Veronica Kemeny
KADENA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Semper Fidelis, always faithful, was in full swing as students of Kadena Middle School shared their love of music with Marines of the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band May 17.

More than 160 KMS band students watched the Marines perform various musical styles in various groups, including: a woodwind quintet, blues brass quintet, and concert band and big band performances. The intent of the performances was to instill the love of music in the students.

"Last year, I just thought, wouldn't it be great if the kids could go spend a day on Camp Foster with the band and see what it would be like to be a professional musician, but more importantly, to see how you can serve your country while being a member of the military and putting your musical talents to work," said Paula Brown, KMS band teacher and event organizer.

Following the musical concerts, the Marines conducted various instrument workshops, providing the students with specialized musical instrument training. "I learned that practice is the most important thing in music," said Makoto Kewish, an 8th-grader at KMS. "During my clarinet session with the Marine clarinet players, I learned different ways of practicing and how to take care of your reeds, to make them last longer."

For some band members, like Cpl. Ariel C. Majors, a 2009 Kubasaki High School graduate, this was an opportunity to give back to the children of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

"Seeing the III MEF Band (when I was in high school) was one of the reasons I wanted to join the Marine Corps," said Majors, a flutist.

The Marines provide a firsthand account of what you can expect when you are in the band, Majors added.

"I feel the kids really learned a lot from us; whether it's getting better with their instruments,



Geomel Lozada plays the snare drum with Cpl. Daniel Muse at Kadena Middle School May 17. Students spent the day with the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band learning key points about instruments they play from the professional military musicians. More than 160 students attended the field trip. Lozada is a student at the school. Muse is a percussionist with the III MEF Band. Photo by Veronica Kemeny

learning about our different roles in the band, or just them listening to us," said Majors who also plays the piccolo. "I think music is important because it's another language that everyone knows and loves, and it brings people closer."

For some, participating in band is a highlight and an important part in their young lives.

"Studying and playing music are important because it's one of those things that you love and can do your whole life," said Paris Kemeny, 6th-grade beginning band student. "It gives you more knowledge and skills that

can help you in school."

The Marine band musical performances thrilled the students.

"I thought the performances were great," said Kewish. "I love to hear the band play their dramatic songs; that excites me a lot. The ensembles were my favorite because you can actually hear the different pieces from the instruments clearly, and they had a very smooth melody."

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Stephen B. Giove, III MEF Band director and officer-in charge, knows his Marines enjoy performing and passing on any knowledge they can to inspiring musicians.

"Marines love to show people what they do," said Giove. "In this case, the Marine musicians get a chance to pass on special skills of their craft. It gives them a strong feeling of pride and honor."

"I want them to want to practice more and enjoy playing," Giove continued. "Long term, I hope they pass on that love of music to others and perhaps their children. Whether they play for fun or strive to become professional musicians, the point is to keep the music playing."

Giove believes that performances such as these have a lasting impact on people.

"Music is a part of life," said Giove. "It is emotional. It can make or trigger a memory. It identifies a culture or country. It instills pride and can motivate. Music is in our everyday lives with the power to heal and make us happy."

Members of the KMS Band hope this is an annual event, so they can receive more training and enjoy more performances at school.

"I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the III MEF Band for all the help and time they have given to all the schools here on Okinawa, but especially KMS," said Brown. "I admire how committed they are to supporting their community, and we are honored to have them in ours."

The III MEF Band will be performing June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Okinawa Convention Center for their "Friendship Summer Concert." Admission is free.

SOFA personnel become newest naturalized U.S. citizens

Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Stern but proud faces stared at the flag of their new nation as each walked across the stage one-by-one to accept the certificate granting them the rights of a U.S. citizen.

This was the scene at the naturalization ceremony for 60 service members and civilians at the Camp Foster theater May 18.

To become a U.S. Citizen, they were tested on reading, writing, speaking basic English, and were required to have a knowledge of U.S. history and government.

Normally, new citizens must live in the U.S. for five years. However, for those serving in the armed forces, the time requirement decreases to one year, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization website.

Hailing from islands throughout the Pacific, across the Middle East and all over Europe, the latest addition of citizens knew this would be an important moment in their lives. They can now call themselves U.S. citizens.

"It is a great feeling to become a U.S. citizen," said Sgt. Dean R. English, an airframes quality assurance representative with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "Becoming a citizen has opened a lot of doors in the Marine Corps and in the civilian sector."



Service members and civilians rise and raise their right hand as they repeat the Pledge of Allegiance for the first time as U.S. citizens. Before becoming citizens each was required to take a test in reading, writing and speaking basic English, U.S. civics and history. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon

English was not the only one celebrating his new citizenship. Sgt. Smith H. Chadwick, a collateral duty inspector with VMGR-152, was also proud of his new nationality.

"It definitely feels good," said Chadwick. "I have the same chance at getting a job as everyone else now. As a U.S. citizen my horizon for success has definitely been widened."



Gunnery Sgt. John S. Mosser, center, salutes while the national anthem plays during a ceremony in which Mosser was awarded the Gunnery Sergeant John A. Basilone Award for Courage and Commitment at Camp Schwab May 3. Since 2004, the Marine Corps has awarded the Basilone award to a noncommissioned officer who upholds the ultimate attributes of honor, courage and commitment. Mosser is a platoon sergeant with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Courage and Commitment

Recon Marine earns prestigious John Basilone Award

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Gunnery Sgt. John A. Basilone is an American Hero and a Marine Corps legend who received the Medal of Honor and Navy Cross during World War II.

Today, the Marine Corps honors his memory by annually awarding a deserving Marine with the Gunnery Sergeant John A. Basilone Award for Courage and Commitment.

Gunnery Sgt. John S. Mosser, a platoon sergeant with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was awarded the prestigious award during a ceremony at Camp Schwab May 3.

"It is a tremendous honor to be given this award, which symbolizes such a great Marine that is John Basilone," Mosser said.

Mosser, from Dripping Springs, TX, joined the Marine Corps in October 1995 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Mosser has deployed three times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and twice in support of Operation

Enduring Freedom.

Mosser was awarded the Navy Cross, the Navy and Marine Corps' second-highest award, for his actions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom June 26, 2008. His other personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon (2nd award) and Good Conduct Medal (3rd award).

"This award is only given to one noncommissioned officer a year. That includes all job fields throughout the whole Marine Corps," said Sgt. Maj. Stacey J. Holcomb, the 3rd Recon. Bn. sergeant major. "It is a major accomplishment for Gunnery Sgt. Mosser to be selected."

The recipient of the award is selected by a special committee at Headquarters Marine Corps.

Before the committee selected Mosser, he was first nominated by his battalion.

"The battalion selected Gunnery Sgt. Mosser because of his outstanding leadership, work ethic and (unselfish attitude)," said Holcomb. "He embodies the Corps' values of honor, courage and commitment every day."



Gunnery Sgt. John S. Mosser, right, is presented the Gunnery Sergeant John A. Basilone Award for Courage and Commitment by Lt. Col. Travis L. Homiak during a ceremony at Camp Schwab May 3. Mosser is a platoon sergeant with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Homiak is the commanding officer of 3rd Recon. Bn.

During the ceremony Mosser credited his platoon sergeant as a junior Marine, who won the award in 2006 and mentored young Mosser as a Marine.

"As a junior Marine, my platoon sergeant taught me how to be a stellar Marine and a great leader," said Mosser. "Throughout my career, I have tried to emulate him and follow in his footsteps."

Lt. Col. Travis L. Homiak, the commanding officer of 3rd Recon. Bn., presented the award to Mosser in front of a crowd of friends and fellow Marines.

"This award is about a Marine's concept of service of self and their ability to demonstrate

courage in the face of adversity," said Homiak. "Gunnery Sgt. Mosser displayed these qualities every day. I am honored to present this award to him. He is very deserving of this distinction."

Gunnery Sgt. Mosser, throughout his career, exhibited the Corps' qualities that make a great leader, said Homiak.

"It means an enormous amount to me to win this award," said Mosser. "My whole existence as a Marine is to be that Marine that saves lives and helps the next generation of Marines with their careers. I hope that someday one of my Marines whom I have mentored will follow in my footsteps."

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Pacific Islander siblings join Corps for adventure, success

Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

On a small island in the Pacific, a brother and sister dream of adventure and success. It may sound like the start of a fairy tale, but the story of these

siblings is far from fiction.

Lance Cpl. Clellan J. Willard and Lance Cpl. Jemma T. Willard were born on Koror in the island nation of Palau; now

both can proudly call themselves U.S. citizens.

Clellan Willard graduated high school and completed his first year in college when a recruiter approached him about joining the U.S. Army. Some of Clellan's relatives joined the U.S. Army and Navy, but he was determined to achieve a different goal.

"I had read that the Marines were the best and was looking to get out, explore new things, travel, enjoy life, and learn," said Clellan, a personnel clerk at the Installation Personnel Administration Center.

At the age of 19, he left his home and everything familiar for Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and arrived to Okinawa in January 2011. Now at the age of 21, Clellan is a naturalized citizen of the U.S.

"I wanted to become naturalized because my country offers dual citizenship, allowing me to keep ties with home and be a part of the U.S. at the same time," said Clellan.

Even though he can now call the states his home, Clellan keeps Palau close.

"Palau will always be my home, but if the opportunity arises, I may stay in the states," said Clellan.

Clellan helped his younger sister also become a citizen.

"My brother is a role model to me," said Jemma, a maintenance management clerk with Combat Logistics Regiment 3. Following in her brother's steps, she met with a Marine recruiter after graduating from high school.

"I could see myself as part of the best," said Jemma.

Jemma completed Marine Corps basic training at MCRD Parris Island and later arrived to Okinawa in March 2011.

"My brother offered me the idea of becoming a U.S. citizen,"



Lance Cpl. Jemma T. Willard, right, receives her certificate of naturalization from Paul Fitzgerald during a naturalization ceremony at the Camp Foster Theater May 18. Fitzgerald is the consul general and minister counselor for Consular Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon

said Jemma. "He told me how it would help me in the Marines and allow me to go back to stay in the states."

Jemma Willard became a U.S. citizen May 18 during a naturalization ceremony at the Camp Foster theater. Like her brother, Jemma encourages others to be naturalized also.

"If others are looking to be naturalized, I would push the importance of the opportunities opened by becoming a citizen," said Jemma.

May is Asian-Pacific Heritage Month; it honors the culture, traditions and history of Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders. This month is now especially important to Jemma and Clellan Willard.



Lance Corporals Clellan J. Willard and Jemma T. Willard stand together on the building one parade deck May 23. The siblings were born on Koror in the island nation of Palau. Both became naturalized citizens while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Clellan is a personnel clerk at the Installation Personnel Administration Center, and Jemma is a maintenance management clerk with Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon

History of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

- The monthlong observance began in 1978, when Congress presented Publication L. 95-419 to former President Jimmy Carter, asking him to designate an Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week in May, according to information stored at the Law Library of Congress. In 1978, Carter designated the first Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week in Presidential Proclamation 4650.
- In 1992, Congress passed Publication L 102-450, which permanently designated the entire month of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.
- May was selected because it marks several milestones in Asian-Pacific American history.
- The first Japanese immigrants arrived in America in May 1843, drawn by the promise of gold mining and the Transcontinental Railroad, which was mostly built by Chinese immigrants and was completed May 10, 1869.
- For more information on the history of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, visit the Law Library of Congress at www.loc.gov/law.



In Theaters Now

MAY 25 - 31

FOSTER

TODAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 6 and 9:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Mirror Mirror (PG), noon and 3 p.m.; Safe (R), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Battleship (PG13), 1, 4:30 and 8 p.m.
MONDAY Mirror Mirror (PG), 1 and 4 p.m.; Safe (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Gone (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Silent House (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Battleship (PG13), 7 p.m.

KADENA

TODAY Mirror Mirror (PG), 6 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Mirror Mirror (PG), noon; Dark Shadows (PG13), 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 1, 4 and 7 p.m.
MONDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY The Avengers (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Avengers (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Avengers (PG13), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY Battleship (PG13), 6 and 9:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG), 2 p.m.; A Thousand Words (PG13), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY The Avengers (PG13) 2 and 6 p.m.
MONDAY John Carter (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY John Carter (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Battleship (PG13), 12:30, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
SUNDAY A Thousand Words (PG13), 4 p.m.; John Carter (PG13), 7 p.m.
MONDAY The Avengers (PG13), 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY American Reunion (R), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Mirror Mirror (PG), 3 p.m.; American Reunion (R), 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY Mirror Mirror (PG), 3 p.m.; Safe (R), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY Closed
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Battleship (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY 21 Jump Street (R), 6:30 p.m.

HANSEN

TODAY Mirror Mirror (PG), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY The Avengers (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Mirror Mirror (PG), 2 p.m.; Act of Valor (R), 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY Battleship (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
TUESDAY Battleship (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Mirror Mirror (PG), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY The Avengers (PG13), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY John Carter (PG13), 5 p.m.
SUNDAY A Thousand Words (PG13), 5 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

THEATER DIRECTORY

CAMP FOSTER 645-3465
KADENA AIR BASE 634-1869
 (USO NIGHT) 632-8781
MCAS FUTENMA 636-3890
 (USO NIGHT) 636-2113
CAMP COURTNEY 622-9616
CAMP HANSEN 623-4564
 (USO NIGHT) 623-5011
CAMP KINSER 637-2177
CAMP SCHWAB 625-2333
 (USO NIGHT) 625-3834

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SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681.

DISCOVER GOLF - FREE GOLF LESSONS

• Taiyo Golf Course is hosting free golf lessons for single Marines and sailors the first and third Friday of every month from 9-11 a.m. Participants meet at the SMP office on Camp Foster by 8 a.m.

Mention of any company in this notice does not constitute endorsement by the Marine Corps.

Japanese phrase of the week:

“Nan ji desu ka”
 (pronounced:
 nan-ji des-ka)

It means,
 “What time is it?”

RANGE HIGH SCORES

May 14 - 18

RIFLE RANGE
 Cpl. Nicholas Dembowski,
 1st MAW, 335

PISTOL RANGE
 1st Lt. Eric Albin,
 3rd MLG, 387



CHAPLAINS' CORNER

“Your eyes can be powerful instruments in your unit, in your home, and toward determining your future.”

Eyes without purpose lack vision

Lt. j.g. Kristian Carlson

CAMP KINSER BASE CHAPLAIN

Have you participated in a pass and review ceremony? Marching toward the reviewing stand, the platoon commander calls out “EYES” ... “RIGHT!” Those in the column to the far right keep their head in place and gaze forward, while the rest pivot their heads 45 degrees to the right and look to the reviewing officer, as the unit marches past.

In boot camp, I quickly learned the value of my eyes. The senior chief yelled: “EARS!” I responded: “OPEN!” When they demanded: “EYES!” My unit thundered: “SNAP!”

Training our eyes is a tough task. I believe it's why the Marine Corps trains its warriors in the proper use of their eyes from the get-go.

Eyes tell a lot about a person. Are they wide? Someone is excited with wonder—or afraid with uncertainty. Do they sparkle? Love or joy is in the air. Are they downcast? Someone is sad. Dark and brooding? There is anger or vengefulness.

Your eyes can be powerful instruments

in your unit, in your home, and toward determining your future.

Caring eyes tell subordinates that they matter. Attentive eyes signal to superiors respect. When other warning signs are absent, watchful eyes notice a fellow battle buddy's eyes are not their normal self. That close attention could save a life.

In your home, and around town, your guarded eyes can tell your husband that he is the only one for you. Gentle eyes communicate love to your kids, but lazy eyes neglect relationships and waste life glued to a computer screen.

As you consider your future, eyes matter there too. Vision is about what you see yourself becoming. If you have strong eyes in this way, you can see yourself in remarkable roles of influence. You see yourself, your family and your nation becoming so much more. That vision becomes marching orders for a new reality, which you work to bring to life.

Look at your unit, your home and your future this week. Have you trained your eyes RIGHT? Consider how to make them SNAP to your unit, to your family, and to seeing your future filled with purpose.

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